

Talking Book Service Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 4, 2007
9:30 AM-1:30 PM
Idaho Commission for Libraries
River Room (Lower Level Conference Room)

Meeting Purpose: To improve services to the print impaired

Desired Outcomes: By the end of the meeting, participants will:

1. Receive final Newsline survey report
2. Be current with NLS digital transition plan
3. Review 2007 outreach plan and recommend 2008 priorities
4. Recommend name for statewide initiative to increase print impaired users' to resources
5. Share activities pertinent to serving Idaho's print impaired citizens

Meeting Leader: Sue Walker

Facilitator: Erin McCusker

Recorder: Tina Schilling

AGENDA

Meeting set-up: purpose, desired outcomes, roles, agenda review, ground rules, decision making, introductions, icebreaker	Erin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Agree	20 min.
Newsline survey results	Nancy, all	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Clarify	20 min.
Demonstrate NLS download site	Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Clarify	30 min.
2007 outreach plan: Summary 2008 priorities	Laurel All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Brainstorm• Clarify• Agree	20 min. 30 min.
Break/pick-up lunch	All		20 min.

Working lunch: Discuss names for statewide initiative	Sue, All		30 min.
Updates: Participant updates	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present • Clarify 	45 min.
Schedule 2008 meetings	All	Please bring calendars	15 min.
Next steps	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List 	5 min.
Meeting review	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plus/delta 	5 min.

Present: Charlie Bolles, Terri King, Marcia Courtney, Sue Niewenhous, Judy Mooney, Laurel Day, Loretta Paine, Sue Walker, Heidi Caldwell, Mary Ellen Halverson, Sheila Winther (part of meeting), Dawn Wittman, Dorothy Ogden, Cheryl Duncan, Erin McCusker (facilitator), Tina Schilling (recorder)

Newsline Survey results: An overview was presented. Fewer people are using the service than hoped. Will continue to monitor and plan training opportunities.

NLS download site demonstration: Sue presented an overview of the NLS download site. It does not work like a regular catalog. You have to register your digital player with NLS first, and they will provide you the software so you can download their materials. Regular players such as MP3s and the future TBS digital player will not work with this program. Individuals will have to buy their own players to download materials.

2007 TBS Outreach Plan: A power point presentation was shared. ICFL staff shared their experiences with outreach and their most memorable library visit.

2008 Outreach Priorities:

Keep the same Target Audiences – Include Academics under School Libraries.

Target Audience 1 activity: - After library or before library visit, send library flyer to local TBS users and service providers.

Target Audience 2 goal: Increase academic support services staff ability to meet print impaired students' needs.

Additional target audience activities: -

1. Schools take the new digital player reaching digital natives.
2. Contact support services at the university as opposed to librarians (or in tandem).
3. Present in-service on TBS to ISDB regional teachers
4. Contact home school groups through newsletters

Target Audience 4 goal: Increase contact with different types of support groups.

Target audience 4 activities

1. Contact Idaho Parents Unlimited.
2. Contact organizations and people listed in the contact database to confirm accuracy
3. Place articles in TBS newsletters encouraging users to maintain contact with TBS

Also recommended to continue doing what we are doing.

Naming the Statewide Initiative:

Like the term “Print Impaired”

LSTA uses the term Special population. It could cover blind, visually impaired, print impaired etc. (umbrella term).

“Reading Alternatives” was suggested. It would generate questions and not focus on a specific disability or group of persons. The group will mull this term over.

Participant Updates:

Dawn Wittman - Currently generating a letter to send to patrons and service providers about print impaired services. They also received some young adult Braille books. Working with Senior Nutrition program (Stats) on Access for All grant to distribute information to TBS eligible users.

Terri King – Gave a brief overview of the Access for All meeting.

Courtney – Working on getting training on homebound services for new branch employees.

Judy Mooney- ICFL is redoing the TBS brochure.

Dorothy –TBS display during parent weekend generated several questions and applications.

Mary Ellen – ICB hired a new computer teacher and is working with ICFL at health fairs.

2008 Meeting Dates:

March 13th (Thursday)

June 3rd (Tuesday)

September 9th (Tuesday)

December 9th (Tuesday)

Next Steps:

Newsline – Get instructions on cassette, Large Print, Podcast on ICFL's website, Braille as needed and maybe CD **Sue/Sheila**

Need to send new TBS brochures to Boise Public, School for the Blind, Lincs, Lewiston City Library, Blind Commission and provide some for Erin M. **Sue/Staff**

Reserve TBS display for Lewiston Health Fair on June 5, 2008. **Sue**

Send out revised plan for 2008 with 2007 Summary by December 20th **Sue**

Meeting Review

Plus:

All the infocus presentations flowed together

Facilitator knew how to run equipment

Good food

Good discussion about print impaired terms

Reading print materials out loud for Mary Ellen

Tina's recording

Hearing about site visits

Delta

Check equipment connection

Missed Nancy